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The following letters were ordered printed in the Journal:

August 28, 2018

Mr. Daniel Alvarez
Secretary of the Senate

Dear Mr. Alvarez: The Legislative Analyst's Office has posted on our website our office's fiscal analysis of the proposed memorandum of understanding between the Governor and Bargaining Unit 9. This analysis was only released in an online version (<https://lao.ca.gov/Publications/Report/3880>). This analysis is required to be submitted to the Legislature pursuant to Section 19829.5 of the Government Code. On August 22, 2018, the Department of Human Resources transmitted to the Legislature the agreement and the administration's estimate of the agreement's fiscal effects.

Sincerely,
MAC TAYLOR
Legislative Analyst

August 28, 2018

Mr. Daniel Alvarez
Secretary of the Senate

Dear Mr. Alvarez: The Legislative Analyst's Office has posted on our website our office's fiscal analysis of the proposed memorandum of understanding between the Governor and Bargaining Unit 10. This analysis was only released in an online version (<https://lao.ca.gov/Publications/Report/3881>). This analysis is required to be submitted to the Legislature pursuant to Section 19829.5 of the Government Code. On August 24, 2018, the Department of Human Resources transmitted to the Legislature the agreement and the administration's estimate of the agreement's fiscal effects.

Sincerely,
MAC TAYLOR
Legislative Analyst



REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**Committee on Rules**

Senate Chamber, September 4, 2018

Madam President: The Committee on Rules has examined:

SCR 83	SCR 87	SCR 101	SCR 139
SCR 151	SCR 156	SCR 161	

And reports the same have been correctly enrolled and presented to the Secretary of State on the 4th day of September, 2018, at 3 p.m.

ATKINS, Chair

Senate Chamber, September 5, 2018

Madam President: The Committee on Rules has examined:

SB 399	SB 759	SB 819	SB 830
SB 833	SB 834	SB 896	SB 933
SB 978	SB 981	SB 987	SB 989
SB 1005	SB 1019	SB 1021	SB 1035
SB 1055	SB 1104	SB 1106	SB 1108
SB 1110	SB 1119	SB 1124	SB 1126
SB 1127	SB 1144	SB 1145	SB 1152

And reports the same have been correctly enrolled and presented to the Governor on the 5th day of September, 2018, at 3:30 p.m.

ATKINS, Chair

Senate Chamber, September 6, 2018

Madam President: The Committee on Rules has examined:

SB 183	SB 215	SB 221	SB 224
SB 237	SB 261	SB 273	SB 327
SB 343	SB 354	SB 501	SB 700
SB 720	SB 746	SB 824	SB 861
SB 917	SB 937	SB 957	SB 964
SB 998	SB 1000	SB 1013	SB 1014
SB 1016	SB 1054	SB 1072	SB 1085
SB 1100	SB 1129	SB 1147	SB 1187
SB 1194	SB 1196	SB 1223	SB 1227
SB 1239	SB 1251	SB 1263	SB 1265
SB 1281	SB 1283	SB 1288	SB 1403
SB 1477			

And reports the same have been correctly enrolled and presented to the Governor on the 6th day of September, 2018, at 4 p.m.

ATKINS, Chair



Senate Chamber, September 7, 2018

Madam President: The Committee on Rules has examined:

SB 100	SB 1391	SB 1393
SB 1421	SB 1437	

And reports the same have been correctly enrolled and presented to the Governor on the 7th day of September, 2018, at 4 p.m.

ATKINS, Chair

Senate Chamber, September 10, 2018

Madam President: The Committee on Rules has examined:

SB 320	SB 816	SB 826	SB 828
SB 835	SB 836	SB 846	SB 862
SB 867	SB 869	SB 873	SB 875
SB 876	SB 877	SB 878	SB 879
SB 881	SB 905	SB 960	SB 966
SB 968	SB 970	SB 973	SB 1017
SB 1041	SB 1045	SB 1050	SB 1071
SB 1083	SB 1087	SB 1097	SB 1115
SB 1123	SB 1131	SB 1138	SB 1148
SB 1156	SB 1164	SB 1177	SB 1287
SB 1293	SB 1301	SB 1309	SB 1312
SB 1320	SB 1328	SB 1361	SB 1367
SB 1375	SB 1376	SB 1387	SB 1397
SB 1406	SB 1415	SB 1416	SB 1424
SB 1440	SB 1482	SB 1491	SB 1493

And reports the same have been correctly enrolled and presented to the Governor on the 10th day of September, 2018, at 4 p.m.

ATKINS, Chair

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Signing Messages

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 10, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

Senate Bill 100 continues California's leadership in advancing clean energy and climate protection by increasing the current Renewables Portfolio Standard target from 50 to 60 percent by 2030, and setting a goal to meet 100 percent of the state's retail electricity supply with zero-carbon resources by December 31, 2045.

SB 100 sends a clear signal to markets to expand clean energy generation. The next step is to integrate these goals into our existing clean energy efforts, including the Integrated Resource Planning process, which will ensure that Californians continue to have safe, reliable, and affordable electricity.



To get to 100 percent clean energy in a manner that ensures reliability and reduces cost, we must use a variety of strategies. Energy storage, increased efficiency and adjusting energy use to the time of day when we have the most power will all help with the transition. Additionally, we must join our neighbors in a power system that integrates utilities across the West. A regionalized electric grid would enhance California's low-carbon grid by allowing us to share renewable resources with our neighboring states, while reducing costs and increasing resiliency of our grid. By doing so, we could improve reliability, reduce climate pollution and enable better integration of wind, solar, and other clean energy technologies throughout the region.

Let's not forget, our electricity sector is responsible for only 16 percent of California's current carbon emissions. To truly stop global warming, cleaning up our electricity grid is not enough. We must transition to carbon neutrality and that will not be easy. It will require large investments across all sectors—energy, transportation, industrial, commercial and residential buildings, agriculture, and various forms of sequestration, including natural and working lands.

California is committed to doing whatever is necessary to meet the existential threat of climate change. This bill, and others I will sign this week, help us go in that direction. But have no illusions, California and the rest of the world have miles to go before we achieve zero-carbon emissions.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Veto Messages

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 10, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 1451** without my signature.

This bill adopts mandatory minimum penalties against retailers who sell cannabis to underaged individuals, including revocation of a license for a third violation occurring at the same location within 36 months.

As currently written, this bill restricts the Bureau of Cannabis Control's (Bureau) regulatory discretion and limits its ability to carryout enforcement actions based on the pertinent facts of a violation. This bill is not necessary. The Bureau already has the authority to revoke, suspend, and assess fines if a licensee sells to a minor.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 10th day of September, 2018 at 2:07 p.m., of the following Senate Bill without the Governor's signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Nathan Bentham:

SB 1451

BERNADETTE MCNULTY
Acting Secretary of the Senate

Governor's Appointments

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 10, 2018

To the Senate of the State of California:

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith the following appointments heretofore made by me to offices which by law are to be filled by the Governor. These appointments are subject to Senate confirmation and consent. I hereby nominate these appointees to you and request your confirmation and consent.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

KIMBERLY A. SEIBEL, has been appointed associate director of the Reception Centers Institutions at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, where she has been acting associate director since 2018. Seibel was warden at Deuel Vocational Institution from 2016 to 2018 and at Chuckawalla Valley State Prison from 2015 to 2016. She served in several positions at Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility from 1999 to 2015, including chief deputy warden, associate warden, captain, lieutenant, and sergeant. Seibel was a correctional officer at California Correctional Institution, Tehachapi from 1994 to 1999, and an office assistant at California State Prison, Sacramento from 1993 to 1994. Appointed 08/27/2018. Effective 08/29/2018.

Associate Director, Reception Centers Institutions, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, vice, Brian Duffy, retired, 03/14/2018. Term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

CONNIE K. CHAN, has been appointed to the California Fair Employment and Housing Council. Chan will begin working as a deputy city attorney at the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, Affirmative Litigation Division in August, 2018. She was an associate at Altshuler Berzon LLP from 2012 to 2018. Chan served as a law clerk at the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California from 2011 to 2012 and at the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit from 2010 to 2011. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from Yale Law School. Appointed 08/08/2018. Effective 08/16/2018.

Member, California Fair Employment and Housing Council, vice, Mark Harris, withdrawn from the Senate 01/24/2018. Term ending 01/01/2021.



KEELY BOSLER, has been appointed as the Director of the Department of Finance. She has served as Cabinet Secretary in the Office of the Governor since 2016. She served as chief deputy director for budget at the Department of Finance from 2013 to 2016. Bosler was staff director for the California State Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee from 2010 to 2013, where she was a consultant from 2004 to 2009. She served as associate director for fiscal services at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Budget Management Branch from 2009 to 2010, and as a fiscal and policy analyst at the California Legislative Analyst's Office from 2000 to 2004. She earned a Master of Science degree in applied economics from Cornell University. Appointed 08/21/2018. Effective 08/21/2018.

Director, Department of Finance, vice, Michael Cohen, resigned, 08/20/2018. Term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

ADRIA L. JENKINS-JONES, has been appointed chief deputy director of the California Department of Human Resources, where she has served as chief of the Selection Division since 2015. She served in several positions at the Department of Finance from 1993 to 2015, including chief of human resources, associate personnel analyst, executive assistant, chief of recruitment and selection, associate personnel analyst/staff service analyst, and examination technician. Appointed 08/31/2018. Effective 08/31/2018.

Chief Deputy Director, California Department of Human Resources, vice, Katrina Hagen, re-assigned 09/30/2017. Term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Above appointments referred to the Committee on Rules.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Rules

Senate Chamber, September 11, 2018

Madam President: The Committee on Rules has examined:

SCR 99	SCR 110	SCR 111	SCR 114
SCR 132	SCR 148	SCR 149	SCR 153
SCR 154	SCR 158	SCR 159	SCR 160
SCR 163	SCR 164	SCR 165	SCR 166
SJR 14	SJR 22		

And reports the same have been correctly enrolled and presented to the Secretary of State on the 11th day of September, 2018, at 2 p.m.

ATKINS, Chair

Senate Chamber, September 11, 2018

Madam President: The Committee on Rules has examined:

SB 25	SB 46	SB 274	SB 275
SB 349	SB 439	SB 452	SB 532
SB 577	SB 668	SB 695	SB 726
SB 782	SB 822	SB 823	SB 829
SB 838	SB 894	SB 918	SB 939
SB 958	SB 961	SB 967	SB 1001
SB 1008	SB 1029	SB 1078	SB 1086
SB 1128	SB 1130		

And reports the same have been correctly enrolled and presented to the Governor on the 11th day of September, 2018, at 4 p.m.

ATKINS, Chair

Senate Chamber, September 12, 2018

Madam President: The Committee on Rules has examined:

SCR 115	SCR 133	SCR 157
SJR 29	SJR 30	

And reports the same have been correctly enrolled and presented to the Secretary of State on the 12th day of September, 2018, at 2 p.m.

ATKINS, Chair

Senate Chamber, September 12, 2018

Madam President: The Committee on Rules has examined:

SB 134	SB 152	SB 212	SB 244
SB 328	SB 419	SB 465	SB 502
SB 519	SB 539	SB 607	SB 635
SB 656	SB 707	SB 715	SB 765
SB 774	SB 790	SB 821	SB 895
SB 901	SB 906	SB 923	SB 955
SB 1004	SB 1007	SB 1012	SB 1036
SB 1051	SB 1109	SB 1121	SB 1125
SB 1151	SB 1155	SB 1163	SB 1172
SB 1181	SB 1191	SB 1200	SB 1205
SB 1215	SB 1226	SB 1228	SB 1235
SB 1249	SB 1250	SB 1260	SB 1272
SB 1292	SB 1294	SB 1300	SB 1303
SB 1305	SB 1310	SB 1321	SB 1333
SB 1335	SB 1338	SB 1339	SB 1343
SB 1346	SB 1348	SB 1358	SB 1369



SB 1374	SB 1402	SB 1409	SB 1412
SB 1413	SB 1422	SB 1442	SB 1446
SB 1447	SB 1448	SB 1449	SB 1455
SB 1459	SB 1465	SB 1474	SB 1480
SB 1481	SB 1483	SB 1484	SB 1487
SB 1504			

And reports the same have been correctly enrolled and presented to the Governor on the 12th day of September, 2018, at 5 p.m.

ATKINS, Chair

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Veto Messages

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 14, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 531** without my signature.

This bill adds port districts that are not a department, division, or a subdivision of a city or county to the list of political subdivisions permitted to declare a local emergency under the California Emergency Services Act.

Allowing port districts to declare a local emergency without involving their neighboring cities and counties runs counter to the system of mutual aid which is dependent upon local cooperation. By facilitating the efficient flow of resources and information, local cooperation during an emergency allows the state to determine the proper allocation of emergency support. This bill will disrupt the state's ability to evaluate such resource requests—to the possible detriment of those who need help.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 14th day of September, 2018 at 4:15 p.m., of the following Senate Bill without the Governor's signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Nathan Bentham:

SB 531

MATHEW BURNS
Acting Secretary of the Senate



Signing Messages

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 17, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing the following bills:

Assembly Bill 2629

Assembly Bill 3061

Assembly Bill 3139

Senate Bill 519

These bills authorize the Department of Transportation to lease properties in different cities for one dollar a month, if they are used to provide homeless services.

It is important to remember that these properties were never meant to be places for people to live and are generally not suitable for those purposes. The cities outlined in these bills wish to erect temporary shelters on these properties, as emergency measures. Accordingly, I am directing the Department of Transportation, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Office of the State Fire Marshal to work in collaboration with these local governments to ensure, through lease agreements, that emergency housing for the homeless is safe, that fire and life safety standards are met, and that such habitations are temporary, not permanent.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Veto Messages

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 18, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 947** without my signature.

This bill would require the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to convene a workgroup to develop best practices and recommendations for instruction in digital citizenship and media literacy.

The subject matter of this bill is more properly the responsibility of local school districts. Moreover, the topics covered here are already contained in our state's English Language and Social Science Frameworks or in the K–12 Model Library Standards.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 18, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 1303** without my signature.

This bill requires certain counties to establish a medical examiner's office in lieu of a sheriff coroner office. In cases where the sheriff-coroner has a potential conflict of interest, this bill requires death investigations to be referred to another county that uses a medical examiner model of investigation.

Counties have several options when delivering coroner services to the public. This decision is best left to the discretion of local elected officials who are in the best position to determine how their county offices are organized.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 18th day of September, 2018 at 4:02 p.m., of the following Senate Bills without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Nathan Bentham:

SB 947

SB 1303

MATHEW BURNS
Acting Secretary of the Senate

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 20, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 328** without my signature.

This bill would prohibit middle and high schools from starting earlier than 8:30 in the morning, unless in a rural area.

This is a one-size-fits-all approach that is opposed by teachers and school boards. Several schools have already moved to later start times. Others prefer beginning the school day earlier. These are the types of decisions best handled in the local community.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 20, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 1424** without my signature.

This bill directs the Attorney General to establish an advisory group to study the problem of the spread of false information through Internet-based social media platforms.

As evidenced by the numerous studies by academic and policy groups on the spread of false information, the creation of a statutory advisory group to examine this issue is not necessary.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 20th day of September, 2018 at 1:20 p.m., of the following Senate Bills without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Nathan Bentham:

SB 328

SB 1424

BERNADETTE MCNULTY
Acting Secretary of the Senate

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 21, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 819** without my signature.

This bill confirms existing rules for the California Public Utilities Commission to allow electric and gas corporations to recover costs from ratepayers and prohibits the recovery of fines and penalties.

I recently signed SB 901, which, among other things, establishes specific cost recovery rules for catastrophic wildfire damages incurred by electric corporations and ensures neither electric corporations nor gas corporations can recover fines and penalties from ratepayers.

This bill is inconsistent with SB 901.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 21, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning the following bills without my signature:

AB 1873

AB 2058

AB 2135

SB 987

SB 1455

Each of these bills requires significant information technology programming at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Reducing wait times in field offices and addressing the urgent needs of customers is the top priority. The programming required to implement these bills will delay the department's ability to fully modernize its aging information technology systems. While these bills may have merit, it would be prudent for the Legislature to pause on additional mandates while the department works to complete programming for prior legislative mandates and system upgrades designed to reduce transaction times and improve customer service.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 21, 2018

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AB 2058

AB 2135

SB 987

SB 1455

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Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 21st day of September, 2018 at 3:08 p.m., of the following Senate Bills without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Nathan Bentham:

SB 819

SB 987

SB 1455

MATHEW BURNS

Acting Secretary of the Senate

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 23, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 899** without my signature.

Consistent with current law, this measure seeks to preclude a physician from using race, gender, or national origin as a basis for apportionment. I am vetoing this bill for many of the same reasons that I returned a similar measure in 2011—Assembly Bill 1155.

This bill is unnecessary as it would not change existing law and may disturb settled court decisions, which already provide protection from the inappropriate application of the apportionment statutes. Additionally, the proposed wording of the amended statute may create ambiguities in the law, resulting in increased litigation, costs for employers and confusion for injured workers and their representatives.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 23, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 933** without my signature.

This bill establishes a competitive grant program for visual and performing arts programs in public schools.

Nurturing creativity is certainly one of the most important responsibilities of teachers and local schools. But under our philosophy of local control, this is a matter best handled by individuals at the school level, not at state headquarters.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 23, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 968** without my signature. The bill would prescribe a minimum mental health counselor-to-student ratio at all the campuses of the California State University system, and request the University of California to implement the same ratio on its campuses.

Investing greater resources in student mental health is an understandable goal. Such investments, however, should be actively considered and made within the budget process. Moreover, specific ratios should remain within the purview of the boards or with local campuses, rather than dictated by the state.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 23rd day of September, 2018 at 11:18 a.m., of the following Senate Bills without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Nathan Bentham:

SB 899

SB 933

SB 968

MATHEW BURNS

Acting Secretary of the Senate

Governor's Appointments

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 26, 2018

To the Senate of the State of California:

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith the following appointment heretofore made by me to offices which by law are to be filled by the Governor. This appointment is subject to Senate confirmation and consent. I hereby nominate this appointee to you and request your confirmation and consent.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

SONIA T. DELEN, has been appointed to the State Bar of California Board of Trustees. Delen has been a senior vice president at Bank of America Merrill Lynch since 2002, where she has held several positions since 1994, including principal, vice president, and assistant vice president. She was a project administrator at GATX Leasing and Capital Corporation from 1986 to 1994, and an account executive assistant at Ketchum Advertising from 1984 to 1986. Appointed 09/06/2018. Effective 09/10/2018.

Member, State Bar of California Board of Trustees, vice, Stacie Spector, resigned 07/31/2018. Term ending 09/01/2022.

Above appointment referred to the Committee on Rules.



Veto Messages

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 26, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning the following bills without my signature.

AB 180

SB 275

SB 707

Each of these bills requires the Department of Health Care Services to establish a stakeholder process to deliberate and advise the department on an issue with Medi-Cal.

Not every problem with Medi-Cal needs or deserves a public stakeholder process. The department regularly collaborates with stakeholders including interested organizations, experts, partners and colleagues. I am confident it will continue to do so.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 26, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 354** without my signature.

This bill requires local schools, upon a parent's request, to translate a student's individualized education program (IEP) and other related documents prepared as part of their special education services in the native language of the parent within 30 days of the IEP meeting.

I cannot support this bill. Current law requires that non-English speaking parents understand their child's IEP, and in fact gives parents the right to have an interpreter present at their child's IEP meetings. To the extent that this is not sufficient, I think the remedy is best handled at the local school district.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 26, 2018

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Not every problem with Medi-Cal needs or deserves a public stakeholder process. The department regularly collaborates with stakeholders including interested organizations, experts, partners and colleagues. I am confident it will continue to do so.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 26, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 1416** without my signature.

This bill allows, until January 1, 2024, cities and counties to recover fines related to nuisance abatement through liens and special assessments.

I vetoed a similar bill in 2011 because I was concerned that allowing local governments to collect fines by assessing them against an owner's property reduced important due process protections. My thoughts on the matter have not changed.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 26th day of September, 2018 at 4:52 p.m., of the following Senate Bills without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Nathan Bentham:

SB 275

SB 354

SB 707

SB 1416

MATHEW BURNS

Acting Secretary of the Senate



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 27, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 174** without my signature.

This bill would open up all boards and commissions to non-citizens. I believe existing law—which requires citizenship for these forms of public service—is the better path.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 27, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 349** without my signature.

This bill would protect individuals against civil arrest of any kind while attending a judicial proceeding in a courthouse.

I support the underlying intent of this measure, but I am concerned that it may have unintended consequences. Last year I signed SB 54 (De León), a provision of which tasked the Attorney General with publishing model policies limiting assistance with immigration enforcement to the fullest extent possible at courthouses and other public facilities to ensure that they remain safe and accessible to all California residents, regardless of immigration status. I believe the prudent path is to allow for that guidance to be released before enacting new laws in this area.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 27, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning the following five bills without my signature:

AB 2043

AB 2342

AB 2593

SB 1125

SB 1148

Each of these bills require significant, ongoing general fund commitments. As such, I believe they should be considered as part of the budget process.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 27, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning the following five bills without my signature:

AB 2043

AB 2342

AB 2593

SB 1125

SB 1148

Each of these bills require significant, ongoing general fund commitments. As such, I believe they should be considered as part of the budget process.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 27th day of September, 2018 at 3:07 p.m., of the following Senate Bills without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Nathan Bentham:

SB 174

SB 349

SB 1125

SB 1148

MATHEW BURNS

Acting Secretary of the Senate

Signing Messages

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 27, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing **Senate Bill 700**, which refines the Self-Generation Incentive Program (SIP) and extends its sunset date to 2024.

This incentive program has served an important role in the deployment of distributed energy systems. Recently, the program has focused on transforming the energy storage market.

The California Public Utilities Commission should continue to administer this program to benefit all ratepayers, including disadvantaged communities, and should only collect what is needed to achieve the purposes of the bill.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 27, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing **Senate Bill 1194**, which would prohibit places of lodging and transportation common carriers from disclosing the name or identifying customer information to third parties except to California peace officers or in response to a court issued subpoena, warrant, or order.

This bill protects every Californian's privacy rights, and as such is an important measure worthy of signature. However, the manner in which it is drafted could inadvertently impede administrative investigations that seek to enforce certain important state interests, including public health, consumer protection and anti-discrimination policies.

The author and legislative committees of appropriate jurisdiction have committed to passing cleanup legislation addressing these concerns early in 2019. With that commitment I am able to sign this measure.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Veto Messages

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 28, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 221** without my signature.

This bill would prohibit the sale of firearms and ammunition at the District Agricultural Association 1A, commonly known as the Cow Palace.

This bill has been vetoed twice over the last ten years, once by myself, and once by Governor Schwarzenegger.

The decision on what kind of shows occur at the Cow Palace rests with the local board of directors which, incidentally, represents a broad cross section of the community. They are in the best position to make these decisions.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 28, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 905** without my signature.

This bill would authorize nine California cities to extend the hours businesses can serve alcohol from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m.

Without question, these two extra hours will result in more drinking. The businesses and cities in support of this bill see that as a good source of revenue. The California Highway Patrol, however, strongly believes that this increased drinking will lead to more drunk driving.

California's laws regulating late night drinking have been on the books since 1913. I believe we have enough mischief from midnight to 2 without adding two more hours of mayhem.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 28, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 1005** without my signature.

This bill would require that compensation provided by the California Victims Compensation Board for relocation expenses include pet deposits and additional rent if the victim has a pet.

The Board currently provides compensation for these purposes. Other specific costs that are included within compensable relocation expenses are not individually enumerated in the authorizing statute. I don't see any need to do so now.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 28, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 1127** without my signature.

This bill permits local schools to adopt policies regarding the use of medical marijuana by students on school grounds.

This bill is overly broad as it applies to all students instead of limited cases where a doctor recommends medical marijuana for a student in order to prevent or reduce the effects of a seizure. Generally, I remain concerned about the exposure of marijuana on youth and am dubious of its use for youth for all ailments. This bill goes too far—further than some research has—to allow use of medical marijuana for youth. I think we should pause before going much further down this path.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 28, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 1177** without my signature.

This bill prohibits any person from purchasing more than one long-gun per month.

I vetoed a substantially similar bill in 2016, and my views have not changed.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 28, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 1301** without my signature.

This bill requires state agencies involved in permitting dam safety and flood mitigation projects to provide project applicants quarterly supplemental consultation to those applicants who agree to pay the costs of the consultation.

Under this measure, state agencies must prioritize their limited resources on projects that have applicants willing to pay a "supplemental consultation" fee. Consequently, these agencies may be required to fast-track work on permits for minor projects at the expense of other projects that directly impact the public's health and safety.

This bill attempts to address a perceived shortfall in funding and staffing at the permitting agencies. The proper balance of state agency resources is deliberated in the annual budget process. I suggest the author propose this issue during next year's budget discussion.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 28th day of September, 2018 at 2:21 p.m., of the following Senate Bills without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Nathan Bentham:

SB 221
SB 1127

SB 905
SB 1177

SB 1005
SB 1301

MATHEW BURNS
Acting Secretary of the Senate

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 29, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 399** without my signature.

This bill would revise qualification standards for providers of behavioral health treatment for individuals with autism.

Standards for autism providers were updated last year. I'm not inclined to revise them again.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 29, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 539** without my signature.

This bill would increase the amount of tax credit that taxpayers can claim when paying into the College Access Tax Credit Fund, as well as increase the total aggregate amount of credits that can be claimed.

This measure started as a bold idea but because of adverse changes in the federal tax law, it now confuses an already complicated scheme and could invite intervention by the Internal Revenue Service.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 29, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 774** without my signature.

This bill would create a research program within the California State University system that focuses on studying firefighting in the wildland-urban interface.

This is a well-intentioned and important proposal, but as a General Fund expenditure, it should be considered during the budget process.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 29, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning the following bills without my signature:

Assembly Bill 1097

Senate Bill 835

Senate Bill 836

These bills prohibit smoking in state parks, on state beaches, and at any picnic area on a state beach and require the Department of Parks and Recreation to post signs to notify the public of the smoking ban.

I have vetoed similar measures in each of the last two years. Third time is not always a charm. My opinion on the matter has not changed. We have many rules telling us what we can't do and these are wide open spaces.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 29, 2018

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Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 29, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 906** without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Health Care Services to establish a certificate program for peer support specialists in Medi-Cal.

Currently, peer support specialists are used as providers in Medi-Cal without a state certificate. This bill imposes a costly new program which will permit some of these individuals to continue providing services but shut others out. I urge the stakeholders and the department to improve upon the existing framework while allowing all peer support specialists to continue to work.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 29, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 926** without my signature.

This bill defines certain good cause exemptions for CalWORKs and CalFresh recipients who could otherwise be sanctioned for failing to work.

This bill is unnecessary because existing law provides county welfare departments with broad authority to grant good cause exemptions from work requirements to ensure recipients are not unjustly penalized.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 29, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 1019** without my signature.

This bill would require the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to allocate at least half of its triage grant funds to local education and mental health partnerships.

The bill as written would limit the Commission's authority to exercise its judgment in the distribution of these grants. I believe the better practice would be to leave this matter to the Commission.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 29th day of September, 2018 at 2:07 p.m., of the following Senate Bills without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Nathan Bentham:

SB 399	SB 539	SB 774	SB 835
SB 836	SB 906	SB 926	SB 1019

BERNADETTE MCNULTY
Acting Secretary of the Senate



Signing Messages

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 30, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing **Senate Bill 212** which establishes a program for the collection and disposal of home-generated pharmaceutical drugs and sharps waste.

While this bill is an important step forward towards managing household generated medical waste, last minute amendments created ambiguity that might impact the effectiveness of this program.

Therefore, I urge the Legislature to provide continuous oversight to ensure that the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery has the appropriate enforcement tools to ensure compliance and that the program offers the level of collection the author envisioned.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 30, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing **Senate Bill 826** which requires a publicly held corporation, whose principal executive offices are located in California, to have a representative number of women on its board of directors.

There have been numerous objections to this bill and serious legal concerns have been raised. I don't minimize the potential flaws that indeed may prove fatal to its ultimate implementation. Nevertheless, recent events in Washington, D.C.—and beyond—make it crystal clear that many are not getting the message.

As far back as 1886, and before women were even allowed to vote, corporations have been considered persons within the meaning of the Fourteenth Amendment. *Santa Clara County v. Southern Pacific Railroad Company*, 118 U.S. 394 (1886).

Given all the special privileges that corporations have enjoyed for so long, it's high time corporate boards include the people who constitute more than half the "persons" in America.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 30, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing **Senate Bill 1391**, which would prohibit the prosecution of 14 and 15 year olds as adults.

This is a difficult bill. By definition, any 14 or 15 year old that a District Attorney seeks to prosecute as an adult has been accused of very serious crimes. The opposition of certain crime victims and their families to this measure is intense. I have carefully listened to that opposition and it has weighed on me.

I have also studied the case examples, research and data, as well as the legislative history and specific statutes relevant to this bill. All of these factors were important to consider in making the decision to sign this bill, as well as the stark racial and geographic disparity in how young men and women are treated who have committed similar crimes.

Additionally, in reviewing this bill I have considered the fact that young people adjudicated in juvenile court can be held beyond their original sentence if necessary. Welfare and Institutions code sections 1800 and 1800.5 allow either the Director of the Division of Juvenile Justice, or the Board of Juvenile Hearings, to petition for extended incarceration if a youth is deemed truly dangerous. This mechanism exists under current law, and has been used in the past when circumstances have warranted. It will continue to be used when needed, and there are no time limits prescribed in statute.

There is a fundamental principle at stake here: whether we want a society which at least attempts to reform the youngest offenders before consigning them to adult prisons where their likelihood of becoming a lifelong criminal is so much higher.

My view is that we should continue to work toward a more just system that respects victims, protects public safety, holds youth accountable, and also seeks a path of redemption and reformation wherever possible.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

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Veto Messages

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 30, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 320** without my signature.

This bill requires every student health center at University of California and California State University campuses to offer medication abortions beginning January 1, 2022.

Access to reproductive health services, including abortion, is a long-protected right in California. According to a study sponsored by supporters of this legislation, the average distance to abortion providers in campus communities varies from five to seven miles, not an unreasonable distance.

Because the services required by this bill are widely available off-campus, this bill is not necessary.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 30, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 452** without my signature.

This bill makes various changes to the Beverage Container Recycling Program, which include adjustments to handling fees, processing payments, and convenience zones.

SB 452 is inconsistent with the Administration's principles for reforming and modernizing this program, which was created in 1986. Any legislation to update these statutes should balance three different components: fiscal sustainability, improved collection and incentives for innovative recycling.

This bill does not accomplish any of these goals.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 30, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 607** without my signature.

This bill would permanently eliminate the authority to suspend or recommend for expulsion a student in grades 4–5 who willfully disrupts school activities or defies the authority of school officials, and prohibits—until July 1, 2023—the suspension of a student in grades 6–8 for that same misconduct. These prohibitions would apply to charter schools.

Teachers and principals are on the front lines educating our children and are in the best position to make decisions about order and discipline in the classroom. That's why I vetoed a similar bill in 2012. In addition, I just approved \$15 million in the 2018 Budget Act to help local schools improve their disciplinary practices. Let's give educators a chance to invest that money wisely before issuing any further directives from the state.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 30, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 656** without my signature.

This bill would amend and significantly expand—retroactively—the pension benefits of the Judges' Retirement System II, a program that has been in effect since 1994.

The costs associated with this bill are large and unbudgeted. In addition, the proposed retroactive benefits are contrary to the explicit provisions of the Public Employees Pensions Reform Act of 2013.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 30, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 715** without my signature.

This bill requires the California Air Resources Board to exempt off-road diesel vehicles owned or operated by state-registered nonprofit apprenticeship training programs from any regulation that reduces emissions of diesel particulate matter, oxides of nitrogen, and other criteria pollutants.

This exemption could cause a shortfall in mandated air pollution emissions reductions, which may require us to revise our State Implementation Plan to remain in compliance with the federal Clean Air Act. Working with the federal administration to revise our State Implementation Plan in a time of pressing air quality challenges is difficult and unwise. As such, I direct the Board to work with the author and sponsors of this bill on an administrative solution that minimizes adverse impacts on apprenticeship programs, yet also protects air quality.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 30, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 829** without my signature.

This bill authorizes retailers to offer free cannabis or cannabis goods to medicinal patients who have a physician's recommendation.

This bill contains provisions that conflict with the strict standards contained in the voter approved Control, Regulate, and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act. Providing free cannabis to a person with only a doctor's recommendation undermines these rules and the intent of the voters. For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 30, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 937** without my signature.

This bill requires employers to provide a space that meets specified standards for employees with a desire to express breast milk in private.

I have signed AB 1976 which furthers the state's ongoing efforts to support working mothers and their families. Therefore, this bill is not necessary.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 30, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 1124** without my signature.

This bill would establish a retiree's permanent right to incorrectly calculated pension benefits in cases where an error resulted in paying the retiree higher pension benefits than allowed by law.

I share the author's view that a pension must be correctly calculated according to the law in the first instance so that retirees never find themselves on the hook for overpayments. Clearly, remedies are needed to correct such situations.

But I'm concerned that this bill's broad provisions could be easily abused to circumvent limitations in law intended to protect the government—and ultimately taxpayers—from pension spiking. Indeed, in the case of an error, this bill would effectively perpetuate that error for the rest of a member's life, at substantial taxpayer expense.

Before changing the law in the way that this bill does, I encourage the Legislature to develop policies to prevent such errors in the first place. Such policies might include requiring CalPERS to review and approve any proposals for pensionable compensation in a memorandum of understanding before the memorandum is finalized. Then, if errors still occurred after CalPERS's review, the penalties and ongoing costs in this bill might be warranted.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 30, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 1128** without my signature.

This bill makes several changes to the elections process for homeowner associations within common interest developments.

California has over 50,000 common interest developments varying in purpose and size. Each one has governing documents that are tailored specifically for that individual community. This bill takes a once-size-fits-all approach, but not all homeowner associations are alike.

If changes to an election process are needed, they should be resolved by the members of that specific community.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 30th day of September, 2018 at 8:03 p.m., of the following Senate Bills without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Nathan Bentham:

SB 320	SB 452	SB 607
SB 656	SB 715	SB 829
SB 937	SB 1124	SB 1128

BERNADETTE MCNULTY
Acting Secretary of the Senate

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 30, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 1156** without my signature.

This bill attempts to prohibit the questionable practice of financially interested entities providing premium assistance payments to patients for the purpose of obtaining higher fees for medical services.

I believe, however, that this bill goes too far as it would permit health plans and insurers to refuse premium assistance payments and to choose which patients they will cover. I encourage all stakeholders to continue to work together to find a more narrowly tailored solution that ensures patients' access to coverage.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 30, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 1223** without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Industrial Relations to convene an advisory committee to recommend minimum standards for a harassment and discrimination prevention policy and training program specific to the construction industry, and to provide a report to the Legislature with recommendations for implementation.

The Department of Fair Employment and Housing is charged with enforcing the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, including those pertaining to preventing and remedying sexual harassment and discrimination. That Department is also charged with enforcing the state's sexual harassment training requirements. As such, this proposal would be better placed at the Department of Fair Employment and Housing and not with the Labor Commissioner.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 30, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 1265** without my signature.

This bill makes several changes to the elections process for homeowner associations within common interest developments.

California has over 50,000 common interest developments varying in purpose and size. Each one has governing documents that are tailored specifically for that individual community. This bill takes a one-size-fits-all approach, but not all homeowner associations are alike.

If changes to an election process are needed, they should be resolved by the members of that specific community.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 30, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 1288** without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Public Health to issue a specific penalty for violating nurse-to-patient ratio requirements.

California hospitals are regularly inspected to assure patient safety and quality of care. When violations are found, penalties are imposed based on an overall assessment of the severity and duration of the violations, including for any failure to meet the required staffing ratio.

Nurse-to-patient ratios are a vital part of the state's regulatory scheme. Hospitals, however, are best evaluated in a comprehensive manner and I am reluctant to start singling out specific violations for a separate penalty.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 30, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 1415** without my signature.

This bill would require local building and fire inspectors to inspect all private warehouses located within their jurisdiction at least once every five years.

Local officials can already decide what and when to inspect. Some jurisdictions, such as the City of Sacramento, have established a program to monitor vacant buildings. The City of Oakland has a program to conduct frequent inspections of commercial buildings.

Local governments have a better understanding of the type of local inspections needed in their communities. Let's leave these decisions to the sound discretion of local governments.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 30, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 1449** without my signature.

This bill would require the testing of all sexual assault forensic evidence kits within a specified period of time.

The state budget that I signed this year includes a one-time total of \$7.5 million General Fund to test rape kits—\$1 million to begin conducting an audit of untested kits and \$6.5 million to help test the existing known backlog.

While I fully support the goal of this bill, I believe that we should allow for the completion of the audit mandated by AB 3118 (Chiu)—which I am signing today—as well as for the Department of Justice to further reduce the existing backlog using the recently approved significant funding increase. I would like to allow time for this year's legislative actions to take effect so we can gauge the appropriate next steps and budget accordingly.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 30, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 1487** without my signature.

This bill establishes the Iconic African Species Protection Act, prohibiting the possession of dead specimens of several African animal species within California.

SB 1487 imposes a state civil penalty for activities expressly authorized by the U.S. Endangered Species Act.

Even though I share the sentiments of the author, this bill, if enacted, would be unenforceable.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 30th day of September, 2018 at 8:05 p.m., of the following Senate Bills without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Nathan Bentham:

SB 1156	SB 1223	SB 1265	SB 1288
SB 1415	SB 1449	SB 1487	

BERNADETTE MCNULTY
Acting Secretary of the Senate



Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 30, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 1272** without my signature.

This bill creates the Tax Recovery and Criminal Enforcement Tax Force within the Department of Justice to combat underground economic activities.

I am sympathetic to rooting out businesses that engage in unfair competition and mistreatment of workers. This is an area of great interest to me, and one which I have worked on as Attorney General and as Governor.

This bill, however, codifies a task force that is already operational via MOU and establishes a permanent program within the Department of Justice with an ill-defined and potentially unlimited scope of operations. I am reluctant to do this without additional and more detailed scrutiny through the budget process.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Governor's Office, State Capitol
September 30, 2018

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning **Senate Bill 1427** without my signature.

This bill would add veterans and military personnel as a protected class under the Fair Employment and Housing Act. It also prohibits landlords and property owners from refusing to accept federal Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing vouchers as a source of income for payment of rent.

We should support our veterans and military personnel, but this bill goes too far. Specifically, it forces landlords and property owners to take part in what has always been a voluntary federal program with numerous requirements. These include registration with a local housing authority, participation in training, property inspections and modification of leases to conform with federal standards.

I don't believe a mandate to comply with all these requirements is warranted.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above bill ordered to unfinished business.

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 30th day of September, 2018 at 8:06 p.m., of the following Senate Bills without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Nathan Bentham:

SB 1272

SB 1427

BERNADETTE MCNULTY
Acting Secretary of the Senate



Governor's Appointment Withdrawals

Governor's Office, State Capitol
October 1, 2018

To the Senate of the State of California:

I hereby respectfully withdraw from consideration, effective close of business October 1, 2018, the nomination of the following appointee heretofore submitted and now before your honorable body for confirmation.

Jason C. Lopez

Director, Division of Administrative
Services, Department of Corrections and
Rehabilitations

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

Above withdrawal transmitted to the Committee on Rules.

NEVA MARIE PARKER, Minute Clerk

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